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SUBJECT: GOE ASSURANCES FOR EXPORT OF NUCLEAR FUEL FOR
ETTR-2 RESEARCH REEACTOR

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1. In response to reftel request for GOE assurances for the export of nuclear fuel for the ETTR-2 research reactor at Abu Zabal Nuclear Research Center, Post received the following letter on March 12 from Professor Aly Islam M. Aly, Chairman of the Egyptian Atomic Energy Authority (AEA). (Note: Letter received in English. Spelling and punctuation unchanged. End note.) Begin text:

"The Egyptian Atomic Energy Authority presents its compliments to your Excellency.

The Atomic Energy Authority of Egypt confirms that the Nuclear Material proposed to be exported to Egypt via Argentina comprises 8.4 Kg U-235 in 42.0 Kg Metallic Uranium enriched to less than 20 percent in U-235. This material will be used in Argentina to produce (40) Kg of Uranium in the form U308 for further use to fabricate fuel elements by Egyptian Atomic Energy Authority for reload of the ETTR-2 Research reactor at the Nuclear Research Centre located near Abou Zabal, Cairo. The mentioned material upon receipt in Egypt will be subject to the terms and conditions of the 1981 Agreement for Cooperation between Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt concerning Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy.

The Egyptian Atomic Energy Authority avails itself of this opportunity to renew to you its highest consideration.

Sincerely yours,
Prof. Aly Islam M. Aly"

End text.

2. Attached to the letter was a December 3, 2005 AEA Power of Attorney. (Note: Document received in English. Spelling and punctuation unchanged. End note.) Begin text:

"This Power of Attorney is made on 3rd December 2005 by the Atomic Energy Authority of Egypt (hereinafter called "AEA"), 3 Ahmed El Zomor St., E-Zohoor Dist., Nasr City, Cairo, Egypt, P.O. Code 11787

1 - AEA Appoints

INVAP S.E.,
F.P. Moreno 1089, C.C. 961,
R8400AMU-San Carlos de Bariloche,
Rio Negro - ARGENTINA

To be its attorney to execute a Contract between the United States Department of Energy of the one part and INVAP S.E. and AEA of the other part, to buy forty two (42) Kg of U in the form of Metal Low Enriched Uranium, with technical specifications shown in the attached Annex 1, that shall be used to produce (40) Kg U in the form of U308 in the Comision Nacional de Energia Atomica (CNEA) of Argentina. The U308 shall be exported to Egypt by INVAP S.E. and shall only be used by AEA to produce fuel elements for the ETTR-2 reactor.

2 - This Power of Attorney shall terminate on the 31st of December 2006, or on the execution of the Contract by United States Department of Energy, and INVAP S.E. acting under the Power of Attorney, whichever event shall occur earlier in the time.

In Witness whereof AEA has executed this Power of Attorney the day and year first above written.

(signature, stamp)
President, The Egyptian Atomic Energy Authority
Prof. Dr. Aly Islam Metwally Aly

This Power of Attorney fulfills the requirements of the Egyptian laws

(signature, stamp)
Egyptian Lawyer
Mohamed Mostafa Mohamed
Registration No. 30195 on 30/3/1998"

End text.

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